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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CHINA'S NEEDS

DEAR EDITOR: There is a great deal of smallpox and of trachoma here. Seventy per cent of the pupils in one school are said to have the latter. Nursing and public health work are crying needs of China.
Shanghai

E. F. C.

"THE NURSE LIKE THAT"

DEAR EDITOR: B. M. I. asks that a learned psychologist explain the "complex" which is responsible for the production of "a nurse like that." "Complex" is right, but it would take individual analysis to uncover the conflict in each case. Quite recently I was associated with a doctor who owns a small hospital and who never employs a graduate or registered nurse if the patient can be induced to put up with the untrained one. He will put an untrained nurse on a case and charge graduate nurse's fees. He has, however, a few good practical nurses. I couldn't understand his attitude toward graduate nurses until I learned that he had been at one time in love with a nurse who is now a successful superintendent. I then recalled that he told me she was an excellent girl, but "too strict" and "too particular." I do not claim to be a learned psychologist, but to me the reason for this man's conduct is clear and in every case a cause could be found.

Florida

Q. A. B.

AN APPEAL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS

DEAR EDITOR: I have read with interest the discussions relative to church and Sunday School attendance. I am a private duty nurse living in a town where we have twenty-four hour duty. Only in the most critical cases do we have two nurses on one case. Yet I rarely find it impossible to attend at least one service each week. Surely anyone who is sufficiently interested will find time to go to church. I cannot agree with O. H. B. on "rather reading Drummond's 'Greatest Thing in the World' than go to public worship." I have a deep appreciation for all good literature, but I would rather go to the house of God, sharing the spirit of worship, feeling the strengthening influence, recognizing that the gospel has to do with all that vitally affects human life, thus bringing us into the realization of the presence of God, day by day, in all the affairs of life. When H. L. C. made the statement that "any organization that rejects Jesus Christ cannot prosper" she was not presuming, as O. H. B. tells us. Now I am aware that there is no organization taken as a whole, doing more to alleviate suffering than the nurses; but we are not doing what we would be capable of doing if we were all Christian women. So let us not overestimate our capabilities and become self-exalted. No one can live without God and have permanent success and happiness. Look at the history of the countries of Europe. They trampled on God's laws, and where did they arrive with all of their boasted power and strength? What is true of an empire is also true of institutions, organizations, and individuals! They who reject Christ have an inevitable fall in store. O. H. B. states that "We gain nothing by striving to have others live up to our standard; that we do well if we live up to our own standard, granting to others the privilege of doing their duty as they see fit." Then if I understand her correctly, if I